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# Tailgating returns to MSU

BRITTANY PITTMAN—  
STAFF WRITER

For the first time in over four years, MSU has brought back tailgating for the Eagles' home football games.

Vice President of Student Life Madonna Weathers said, "There were many requests from students, community members and MSU alumni to have tailgating, so we teamed up with SGA, MSU Athletics, the police department and other organizations," Weathers said.

A designated Eagle Rally Zone, where tailgating will take place, is located in Eagle Park on the west side of the Wellness Center parking lot.

"MSU prepares for tailgating by blocking off the spaces the night before," Weathers said. "On game day, tailgating begins at 11 a.m."

MSU Junior Courtney Lumpkin attended tailgating festivities when the Eagles hosted St. Francis on Sept. 11.

"I had so much fun. There



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Students and families take advantage of the tailgating area before last weekend's football game.

were a lot of people. It was a beautiful day and my friends and I cooked out," Lumpkin said.

SGA President Lindsey Atkins said everyone is excited about the renewal of tailgating.

"It was a great success and it created a lot of MSU pride. I was

surprised to see how many people showed up and SGA is going to continue to inform students about this and encourage them to come out, have a good time and support the football team," Atkins said.

Junior Linda Dixon was glad that her friends convinced

her to come out and tailgate.

"I wasn't going to go at first because I didn't think it would be fun, but it turned out to be great. We played corn hole and ate a lot," Dixon said.

The Eagles will host Davidson

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# Police roll on Segways

CODY MURPHY—STAFF WRITER

The Morehead State University Police Department has joined 125 other campus police departments nationwide now using Segway electric vehicles on the job.

Assistant MSU Police Chief James Frazier said, "The Segways were the brain child of Chief of Police Matthew Sparks, he worked on all the administrative responsibilities and paperwork for them. It was really thanks to him that we have gotten them."

Frazier said Morehead has been considering getting them for the past three years. But because of budget cutbacks, the Segways seemed an improbable dream for several members of the force.

"It was all about money," Frazier said. "We get a set budget for new purchases and when you compare a \$200 bicycle versus a \$5,000 Segway, you can see which one we would choose."

Through a grant from the National Institute of Justice (NIJ) for rural police officers, The Morehead State



Logan Todd / The Trail Blazer  
Capt. James Frazier

Police Department was able to get two Segways at no cost to the University. The NIJ also provided a four-hour training program for all of the police officers.

"They work on pretty much any terrain," Frazier said. "The terrain that we have here is not flat. It's aggressive, it's up and down—there are some obstacles along the way."

From flat surfaces to grass they (Segways) are very easily utilized."

The biggest benefit has not been the cost, or the maneuverability on the campus, but the connection to the students, Frazier said.

"An officer can spend all night making circles in the patrol car. But you're not connecting to the people you represent and serve," Frazier said. "That is the reason why you see us out on bicycles, on foot, in golf carts and now the Segways. It makes us more visible and the Segways are great attention getters."

Frazier said the reaction from the student body has been positive. "It's opened up a lot of doors of communication," he said. "With the new freshmen coming in, there's a certain fear about talking with law enforcement. These Segways have been perfect for opening up the police force to the public."

"We were lucky to get them," Frazier said. "The economic downturn has touched everyone. They have been a great cost saver since they don't use any gas and they allow us to better maneuver on campus than the bicycle and the golf carts."

# Clinic promotes student vaccines

CANDICE TUFANO—  
STAFF WRITER

Vaccinations for many diseases and infections are now available to students and faculty for little or no cost at the Caudill Health Clinic.

Dr. Brenda Wilburn, director of MSU Counseling and Health Services, said the university health clinic has received more than \$1,000 worth of vaccinations from the dispersal of stimulus funds to the Gateway District Health Department and the Kentucky Department for Public Health.

Both of these organizations work with MSU to make vaccinations available to students, Wilburn said.

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# Student publishes vampire novel

LANA BELLAMY—  
STAFF WRITER

On the first day of class when the professor initiates the ice-breaker introductions by telling students to give an interesting fact about themselves, most students groan in reluctance. Answers range anywhere from, "I like to sleep," to "My Dad owns a chili restaurant." Rarely, if ever, does a student respond with, "I'm a published author."

By the time she was a freshman in college, MSU junior Olivia Richards had authored and published her first book, "Chao! Haven," the story of a teenage girl, Cooper, who possesses "perfect" blood.

This blood gives her enhanced abilities, such as allowing her wounds to heal instantly. When Cooper tries to protect her sister from lethal vampires, the enemy discovers her "perfect" blood. Suddenly everyone wants a piece of this remarkable girl.

While the story may seem like an action thriller, it essentially is a love story with Cooper falling in love with the vampire she must kill

to protect her sister.

Richards says the book is geared toward teenage audiences and admits that due to the content of the story, it was a little embarrassing when family members began reading "Chao! Haven."

"I was like, 'Oh my God, what's my grandmother going to say?' But she was supportive," Richards says.

Richards quotes her grandmother as saying, "Toward the middle, I couldn't put the book down," and

says that by the time she reached the end, her grandmother was eager to read more.

Richards says it took her six months to write the book.

"I had no idea what to do. I had no idea if I was doing the right thing or if it was even going to work out," Richards says. "I had to wait 6 to 12 weeks to get a response back from the agents."

She sought out information about agencies and publishing companies and decided to deal directly with the publishing companies while waiting on agents and told herself she would go with whoever contacted her first.

Richards says she had no creative control over her book.

Publish America, the company that published "Chao! Haven," chose the art on the front and back covers.

Richards says she does not know exactly where her book is being distributed.

"Every six months I get a royalties check and that tells me how



Clayton Adams / The Trail Blazer

Olivia Richards' book "Chao! Haven" has sold well.

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many books I've sold, but it doesn't tell me where," Richards says.

Richards says she is informed about particular companies and stores, such as Barnes & Noble and Amazon.com, but not of the exact geographical locations.

Richards' 95-page book sold out in both Barnes & Noble in Lexington and twice on Amazon.com. "Chaos Haven" has been

published in 12 countries and earned a five star-rating in England, Richards says.

Richards says she is working on a sequel, which will condense into one book what was originally going to be the next three books in a series.

The only thing slowing the writing process for Richards, 21, is her studies. The MSU journalism major from Lawrenceburg, Ky., one day aspires to write

for a major publication like Rolling Stone magazine.

As for the future, Richards says, "Hopefully with the next book, I'll be able to get an agent and a better publisher and the first book will get more attention. I have a lot of contacts with people in the movie industry so maybe there'll be a movie or short film."

## TAILGATE

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on Oct. 16 and Weathers encourages everyone to attend, even though the game will be during Fall Break.

"It's unfortunate that the next home game will be during fall break, but I hope to see more people than at the last one" Weathers said.

Anyone interested in reserving a space in the tailgating area can contact MSU athletics. A single game day parking pass is \$20 and an annual pass is \$50.

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Members of the MSU Environmental Science Club held a cookout early this week at Billy's Branch, located at Cave Run Lake, to recruit new members

## VACCINES

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Available vaccinations include those for meningitis, HPV, Twinrix (combined hepatitis A and B), Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis), hepatitis B, tetanus, diphtheria, and flu.

Wilburn said, "The vaccines were offered before, but weren't readily available and were much more expensive. The meningitis (vaccine), for example was anywhere from \$135 to \$150 per dose."

All of the vaccinations are less than \$10 for students and many are free, depending on whether or not the student has health insurance.

Wilburn said it is especially important for students to receive the meningitis and HPV vaccinations, because the majority of MSU students fall within the target age group that most frequently contracts these diseases.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the group with the highest risk of contracting meningitis is college freshmen living in dormitories. Meningitis is an infection of the fluid surrounding the brain and spinal cord, affects 1,000 to 2,000 people

every year and can be fatal. According to the CDC, HPV (human papillomavirus) is the most commonly sexually transmitted virus in the United States, and more than half of all sexually active men and women contract HPV at some point in their lives. There are two kinds of the HPV vaccine, Gardasil and Cervarix.

Wilburn said the vaccines are very similar but Gardasil treats two more kinds of HPV than Cervarix. The Clinic currently has Cervarix in stock and should be receiving Gardasil soon.

All vaccines should be available at the health clinic from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday, except from

11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Wilburn said the Health Clinic is giving students an extra incentive to get vaccinated. For every vaccine that students receive, their name will be entered into a monthly drawing, where if chosen, they will receive a \$100 prize.

"We've been hustling around trying to make these vaccines readily available for some time," Wilburn said. "We're trying to start a real vaccination campaign on campus. We're expecting to see much higher response this year, and hope that many more students will receive these vaccinations."

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## EDITORIAL

## U.S. not blameless in drug wars

Americans need to take a fresh look at the immigration debate. For many citizens, the heart of the debate centers on immigrants illegally entering the country, taking American jobs, and committing crimes. For most Americans these are issues of concern, but in truth, many of these issues are effects of a much scarier topic.

Why are these people fleeing their country? In Ciudad Juarez 28,000 people have been murdered in the past four years due to drug violence. These attacks have been so brutal, and so constant, that the American media has largely quit giving them coverage. Mexico is also in the grip of its worst economic downturn since the 1930s, with thousands of production jobs being lost within miles of the U.S. border.

Many U.S. citizens, particularly in the South, would like to see immigration reformed, and some would like to see it stopped all together. This lofty goal will be difficult to achieve with a brutal drug war being waged within miles of our country. The U.S. has sent millions in aid to Mexico in an effort to help end the drug wars, with little positive results to show for it.

The cartels have killed U.S. diplomats, gunned down high school students, and even managed to break 85 of their members out of a Texas prison. Thousands of Mexican troops have been deployed to control the war, but so far their success has been limited.

America is not without direct blame in this tragedy. The U.S. federal assault weapons ban ended in 2004, giving Mexican criminals a new and steady stream of deadly resources. America is also estimated to be among the top drug consuming countries in the world, meaning that the goal of these murderous cartels is to get drugs into the hands of American citizens who want them. The role of the U.S. in the drug violence has been acknowledged by Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, as well as by President Barack Obama.

Some of today's hottest topics in American politics are immigration, homeland security, and various drug epidemics. If U.S. citizens want a solution to these serious problems, they should be calling for the federal government to make a serious effort in helping Mexico stop this drug war. With no end in sight, the war will continue spilling over onto American soil and pushing Mexico's disenfranchised and oppressed citizens to find a safer existence in the U.S.

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## VIEWPOINTS

## 'Kill team' symptom of hate



LOGAN  
TODD  
-  
EDITOR

War is never pretty, particularly the high-tech wars being waged today. America has pushed in recent years to make sophisticated weapons that are less likely to take civilian lives along with the lives of those being targeted. Unfortunately, as our weapons become more humane we are currently reminded of the inhumanity of some of the humans

we are sending to fight this war.

According to Army documents, a group of soldiers, all from the same platoon in the 5th Stryker Combat Brigade, decided to randomly target and kill Afghan civilians for fun. The "kill team," as it is being called, was formed last December when the platoon was assigned to Staff Sgt. Calvin Gibbs.

Gibbs, who served a tour of duty in Afghanistan in 2004, told his platoon it was easy to get away with killing for sport. He, and four other soldiers under his command, turned these heinous words into action at least three times between

January and May of this year.

Some of the soldiers are facing a total of 76 criminal charges, including premeditated murder, drug use, and attacking fellow soldiers.

Gibbs also was charged with possession of human bones, collected from his Afghan victims. Gibbs reportedly threatened one U.S. soldier, who learned of the murders, with a skeletal hand. Another soldier was savagely beaten after he spoke with military prosecutors.

This "kill team" was able to commit these racist and hateful acts by intimidating and brutalizing honest sol-

diers. In some cases fellow soldiers were even tricked into shooting at civilians themselves.

It is shocking to see Americans assault other Americans in defense of slaying innocent people. The mindset that all Arabs are enemies has been the basis of immeasurable amounts of death and violence. There is no easy way to kill this mindset, but people need to be aware of the repercussions of their words. The racist rhetoric that many of us try to avoid may have a profane impact on someone, somewhere.

## "Places" presents dangers



ALI  
COLLIS  
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MANAGING  
EDITOR

Like the majority of college students, I am a Facebook junkie. If I put as much time into my homework and studying as I do time on Facebook, I would never have to worry about my grades. I love the social aspect of it, looking at pictures, and of course, playing games. However, a few weeks ago I was confused by a new application showing up in my news feed. Messages would read: so and so is at ADUC or so and so is at MSU. This

is the "Places" application, which allows users to share exactly where they are at any given time.

Facebook administrators' explanation of the application makes it sound like the natural thing to do. It's considered to be a type of "check in" service, and with it, you are able to tell your entire list of Facebook friends where you are and can see who else has made a "check in" at the same place.

Many people probably do not see the dangers in using the "Places" application, and instead see it as a fun way to let your friends know where you'll be, and meet up with them. But I think the application poses

serious risks.

Many student Facebook users do not consider who might be reading this information. Some college students do not put privacy settings on their profiles, and complete strangers are able to read their information. Strangers can see exactly what you look like, where you go to school, and where you live. With the Places application, strangers can now see exactly where you are. The Places are very specific such as Breckinridge Hall.

Also, many college students who do have privacy settings on their accounts do not personally know every person they have "friended" on Facebook.

Once again, people you don't know can see all your personal information, and exactly where you are at a certain time. It would be wrong to assume all users of this application are going to be stalked or worse, but it could happen.

When we are kids, our parents teach us that we shouldn't talk to strangers. In a way this is no different. Broadcasting where you are on Facebook is telling people you may not know how and where to find you. Not only is this new application annoying, I believe it is unsafe. Facebook users should think twice before "checking in" on Places.

## CAMPUS COMMENT

## Do you buy or rent your textbooks?



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"I buy textbooks because I can highlight in them and text mark if I need to."



Phillip Fitch  
Freshman  
Engineering  
Technology  
Rush, Ky.

"I bought because I buy them off eBay. They were 25 percent of the full cost."



Samantha Bryant  
Senior  
Elementary  
Education  
Jackson, Ky.

"I buy my textbooks because I get full financial aid."



Travis Hollifield  
Junior  
English  
Hazard, Ky.

"I bought them because I like to keep them for reference material later on."



## Study habits change over the years

MORGAN WOESTE —  
STAFF WRITER

Study habits change as students evolve from novice freshmen to more serious senior scholars.

Freshmen come into college with the study habits they have developed in high school and most find they quickly have to adjust to college standards.

Freshman Alyssa Franklin said she wrote most high school essays the day they were due and didn't always go to class.

"The main difference between high school and college for me is that I actually have to apply myself and work hard to get good

grades," Franklin said. "There is so much material for so many classes it's hard to cover it all, memorize it, and apply it."

As freshmen turn into sophomores they take the study skills they had to adjust to in freshman year and apply them to their sophomore year. Many second year students strengthen their studying skills and build on them through their junior and senior years.

Sophomore Brooke Hamilton said, "I learned a lot my freshman year about study habits. I've found out that I need to allow time for homework and studying. I have to always be aware of how much homework I

have and when I can do it." Junior Cody McConnell said, "You can't just blow off classes."

McConnell said he also has learned that studying and homework should come first.

Seniors share similar advice. Karla Spencer said as a freshman she stayed up late and would wake up early the next morning to study for a test for a few hours. She's kicked that habit and now is more conscious of how much homework she has and the time required to do it.

"I try to stop and think if I have homework, before I agree to do something that night," Spencer said.



Christina Crank / The Trail Blazer

Senior Thomas Thompson works on homework. Seniors say their study habits have changed with their classifications.



Christina Crank / The Trail Blazer

Some students play basketball for fun on weekends in Laughlin Gym.

## Students look for weekend fun

MORGAN WOESTE —  
STAFF WRITER

MSU freshmen are looking for fun to fill their weekends. Some First-year students say they have become couch potatoes on weekends because they are unable to find activities.

"When I went to high school, I knew everyone around so I could just text my friends and we would hang out. We're the new kids here, we don't know everyone," freshman Kait-

lyn Carr said.

"Being bored is part of everyday college life," Carr said. "It just wasn't something that I thought about as I was packing. The campus had the whole weekend planned out for us. I guess I just assumed that every weekend would be that fun."

Carr, a music education major, said she hopes a trip to Cave Run for a day with her friends this weekend will give them some fun things to do.

"Sports are also starting

up so that means I get to go tailgating with my friends, but until then I'm sure that I can find ways to keep busy," Carr said.

MSU Freshmen Katarina Chalk said, "Boredom isn't really a factor for me. I can find things to do, if need be. I like to watch football games with my roommate and hang out with all of the neat friends that I'm making."

Chalk said bored freshmen need to make their own fun.



Sept. 25

The Rowan County Master Gardeners sponsor a Plants and Pastries exchange at 9 a.m. At Rodburn Park Shelter. Participants should bring a plant of his or her choice and a breakfast item. Then each person will exchange their plant for a voucher that can be used to receive any plant at the event.

Sept. 26

Award-winning Nashville artist Gary Allan performs at the Academic Athletic Center (AAC). The concert will also feature recording artists Jerrod Neimann and Randy Houser. Doors open at 7 p.m., with tickets ranging anywhere from \$34-\$44. Tickets can be purchased online or at ADUC 204.

Sept. 28

Meri Lila Johnson, professor of English and women's studies at the University of South Carolina, will be giving a speech entitled, "Girl in Need of a Tourniquet" in room 002 of Breckinridge Hall At 4:30 p.m. It will display an account of her struggles with borderline personality disorders and how they have affected her life and relationships.

Sept. 29

The Student Programming Board hosts Laughapalooza. Jared Logan, named Best Comedian by the Chicago Comedy Awards and winner of Comedy Idol in Detroit, perform at 7 p.m. in the ADUC lobby. There is no fee to attend, and snacks will be provided.

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# Bearcats devour Eagles



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Coach Jaime Gordon talks to his team during a timeout.

CLAYTON AKERS —  
SPORTS EDITOR

The 25th nationally ranked Cincinnati Bearcats (11-3) swept the Morehead State Eagles (8-6) 3-0 Tuesday night in front of a crowd of nearly 750 at Wetherby.

The Eagles struggled to find offensive rhythm early on against the Bearcats. MSU had a dismal .016 hitting percentage and 20 attack errors in the first two sets, while Cincinnati had a .369 hitting percentage only six attack errors. UC's Stephanie Niemer compiled nine kills on a .562 hitting percentage in the first two sets, which the Bearcats won 25-17 and 25-15.

"They have one of the top players in the country right now (Stephanie Niemer) and to be honest we didn't have an answer for her," MSU Head Coach Jaime Gordon said. "We weren't able to defend well in the back row or the front row."

In the third and final set the Eagles picked it up on offense and pushed the Bearcats, forcing four ties and one lead change. In the end it was not enough as Cincinnati came out on top 25-19.

"We really didn't get into much of an offensive rhythm until the third set, but a lot of credit goes to Cincinnati there a fantastic team and they had our number today," Gordon said.

Senior right side hitter Holly Evans, who led the team with seven kills, echoed Gordon's sentiments.

"This team is top 25 in nation right now, so it's always going to be hard to get a rhythm going," Evans said. "I think we could have done a little better to be honest, but in the end we did ok."

Along with Evans, Kaitlin Craven, Emma Keough, and Aryn Bohannon chipped in with six kills apiece. While senior setter Kirstie Brangers dished out 25 assists. Defensively, libero



Clayton Akers / The Trail Blazer

Emma Keough recorded six kills against the Cincinnati Bearcats Tuesday night at Wetherby.

Liz Schuler tallied a match-high 11 digs.

Cincinnati was led by Niemer, who finished with a match-high 18 kills. She was the only player

“It was intense, crazy intense out there.”

Liz Schuler  
— Libero

on both teams to finish the match with double-digit kills. Setter Annie Fesl passed out a match-high 32 assists.

Over the weekend MSU tipped-off the OVC season with a convincing wins over the de-

fending OVC champions Jacksonville State 3-1 and Tennessee Tech 3-0 at home.

On Friday night, the Eagles enacted a little revenge on the Jacksonville State Gamecocks, who defeated the Eagles in the OVC championship match last season. After dropping the first set to the Gamecocks 23-25 the Eagles soared back with three straight victories 25-22, 25-22, 25-19.

"We were pumped against the defending OVC champs. We wanted to just beat them," Schuler said. "We lost the first set, but we came back the next three sets fired up. It was intense, crazy intense out there."

Craven had a spectacular match with a season high 20 kills and .333 hitting percentage. While Kirstie Brangers dished out 45 assists and Liz Schuler recorded a season-high 35 digs.

The win marked the first win for MSU over the Gamecocks

since 2008.

In Saturday's match the Eagles swept Tennessee Tech 3-0 (25-22, 25-23, 25-16).

Senior Holly Evans again led the Eagles in kills with 11 and a .529 hitting percentage. Sophomores Annie Gruenschlaeger and Ellie Roberson tallied 10 kills on hitting percentages over .300.

Schuler got a match-high 15 digs and Brangers came one dig shy of recording a double-double with 43 assists and nine digs. Schuler and Brangers were honored for their performance against Tennessee Tech and Jacksonville State. Schuler was named OVC Defensive Player of the Week for the second time this season and Brangers was named OVC Offensive Player of the Week.

The Eagles will hit the road this weekend to take on OVC foes Eastern Illinois and Southeast Missouri State.



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MSU football nearly erased a 24-point halftime deficit, but the rally was too late as Dayton won 34-28.

## Football Eagles come up short in Dayton

JAMESON BENNETT —  
STAFF WRITER

Despite being shutout for the entire first half, the MSU Eagles (1-2) nearly erased a 24-point halftime deficit before ultimately falling 34-28 in Saturday's Pioneer Football opener against the Flyers in Dayton.

The Eagles came out sluggish with only 41 total yards of offense at the half. MSU finished with 351 yards and outscored Dayton 28-10 in the second half.

MSU Head Coach Matt Ballard said there was no dramatic halftime speech or any real adjustments. His squad just came out more aggressive and focused.

"We just needed to settle down and play," Ballard said. "We had way too many busted assignments and penalties. We realize we could play with those

guys, and only needed to mentally settle down and execute."

Ballard said the Eagles got back into the game by focusing on fundamentals. "We started blocking and tackling. It's that simple

“We just needed to settle down and play.”

Matt Ballard  
— MSU Head Coach

and basic. Our confidence as a whole grew and we got better and better throughout the second half," he said. "We really had a chance to win that football game."

Dayton's offense continued to make big plays

throughout the game and converted on 23 first downs and was 3-3 on fourth-down conversions. Flyers quarterback Steve Valentino was a double threat attack, throwing the ball deep and racking up yards on the ground.

Valentino finished with 243 yards on 18-37 passing with one touchdown and one interception while also rushing for 80 yards on 20 carries.

Ballard gives Dayton a lot of credit for withstanding MSU's second half comeback.

"We are not going to beat a team like Dayton only playing two solid quarters. We need the full 60 minutes of great football," Ballard said. "I was glad we responded in the manner we did, but it was really disappointing we didn't come out on top."

MSU Quarterback Zach Lewis ended the night with 349 yards on 20-31 passing

with four touchdowns and one interception. Junior Wide receiver Andre Wilson completed two catches for 101 yards and two touchdowns.

"Andrew Williams was our offensive MVP, with those two huge grabs," Ballard said.

Morehead's defense picked up one fumble and two sacks. Junior Tony Bachman finished with 13 tackles to lead MSU.

Ballard said his offense, defense and special teams have a lot of room for growth as the season continues.

"We have to work our feet, be more physical and improve in all areas of football," Ballard said. "We have to be more consistent in the first, second, third and fourth quarters."

MSU travels to Poughkeepsie, N.Y. for the first time to take on Marist in PFL action Saturday.

## The Trail Blazer ATHLETE OF THE WEEK -Liz Schuler-



Volleyball  
Position: Outside Hitter  
Height: 5-10  
Class: Junior  
Hometown: Louisville, Ky.

Liz Schuler was named OVC Defensive Player of the Week for the second time this season for her performance against Jacksonville State and Tennessee Tech.

Schuler recorded a season-high 35 digs against the Gamecocks and compiled a match-high 15 digs against the Godlen Eagles.



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Michael Gallik returns the ball against Dayton.



# Lopez puts on stellar performance

CLAYTON AKERS —  
SPORTS EDITOR

The Morehead State soccer club had an up and down weekend at Jayne Stadium. The Eagles (3-6-0) suffered a 4-2 loss to Ohio and captured a victory over South Alabama 2-1.



Devan Jordan drives the ball down the field against the Jaguars.  
Clayton Akers / The Trail Blazer

One bright spot was the play of senior forward Giuleana Lopez, who put on a show netting three goals in the two matches.

MSU Head Coach Warren Lipka said Lopez, a transfer who joined the team a few weeks ago, has the ability to be a dynamic player.

"We knew she had the ability to put the ball in the net," Lipka said. "I had her when I was at Kentucky and she could be dangerous."

On Monday, Lopez was named OVC Offensive Player of the Week for her performance over the weekend.

In Sunday's loss to the Bobcats the Eagles fell down early 2-0 and made a push in the second half with the two goals by Lopez, but it was too little, too late.

A constant theme this season for the Eagles is their inability to capitalize on chances. MSU outshot the Bobcats 14-9 and held the upper hand in corner kicks 4-0.

However, Morehead State was able to overcome those odds on Friday against South Alabama.

The Eagles dominated the first half against the Jaguars holding an advantage in shots on goal 7-1 and corner kicks 3-0, but still wasn't able to capitalize and was down 1-0 going into intermission.

"Again, we dominated the first half and they get one opportunity and score a goal," Lipka said. "We got to eliminate that from our game."

Lopez said, "The first half wasn't our half. We were hav-

ing a tough time trying to finish balls. We were doing everything else right — we just couldn't put the ball in the back of the net."

Early in the second half, Lopez set the tone for the rest of the match by nailing the equalizer into the lower right corner of the net.

The rest of the match was a field position battle. When it looked like the match would have to be settled in overtime MSU's Erin Adams took a pass from Lopez, deep inside the box and drilled the eventual game-winner.

Adams leads the team with six goals on the season.

Adams gave all the credit for the goal to Lopez, who set her up to score.

"Giuleana (Lopez) got a good ball to the corner and played it in to me," Adams said. "I just settled in the shot."

Lopez said all the credit for the goal goes to Erin.

"That was all E. I fired it at her," Lopez said. "She pulled it down perfectly and got it in the back of the net."

Lipka said for the most part he was happy with the team's performance.

"I'm not disappointed in how we played," Lipka said.

"I thought we played pretty well, we just didn't finish our chances in the first half like we did in the second half."

Morehead State will play its OVC home opener against UT Martin this Friday at 7 p.m. The Eagles will follow that up with a match Sunday afternoon against Murray State.

Lopez said the team has two phases of the game to work on.

"More goals and work on finishing," Lopez said.



Adams has 6 goals this season.  
Clayton Akers / The Trail Blazer

## Cross country competes in second meet of season

ZAC VESTRING —  
STAFF WRITER

The Morehead State men's and women's cross country teams competed in the second team meet of the season on Saturday at the 29th Annual Old Tim-

ers Classic. MSU's James Bowens and Ron Duncan put on solid performances for the men's team as did Liz Braunwart for the women's side.

For extended coverage on the cross country teams log on to [trailblazeronline.net](http://trailblazeronline.net)

## Women's golf finishes 7th Cincy Classic

ZACK VESTRING — STAFF WRITER

MSU women's golf finished strong at the Cincinnati Fall Classic on Monday and Tuesday by scoring a total of 939. The Eagles placed seventh out of the 15 teams that competed at the Elks Run Golf Club.

Junior Emma Jonsson led the Eagles by finishing tied for sixth overall.

After the first round of play on Monday MSU was tied for seventh with a score of 321, but bolstered an 11-stroke comeback in the second round of play to move into a tie for sixth place with a 631 score. By the end of the day all five MSU players had posted either similar results or improved their score from the first round to the second round.

On the final day of competition

the Eagles posted a final round and tournament best 308 to finish seventh overall.

Jonsson led the Eagles for the second straight tournament by shooting a 79-72-74 for a total of 225. Sophomore Marisa Kamelgarn, who won this tournament last year, shot 79-78-78 respectively with a final score of 235.

Senior Paige Lausier played consistently with her third +7 (79) of the tournament, while Eagle freshmen Amalie Munck and Sofia Peterson both improved by four strokes in their final rounds to post final scores of 242 and 254.

Junior Emma Eksell, who played as an individual, finished fourth out of the 10 individuals by shooting a

three-round score of 81-82-85 for a total of 248.

Conference rival Murray State edged out the Eagles in the overall standings by finishing just two strokes ahead of MSU.

The tournament was won by Florida International, which posted a final round of 287, led by Katie Mundy's score of 71 which was one under par. FIU's individual golfers also played well with Monica Miller taking first place honors with a 241 score who was followed by her teammate Yolecci Jimenez with a 244.

The MSU Eagles will play again on Oct. 11 for the 2010 Lady Herd Classic in Huntington, W.Va.

## SIDELINES

## No Ben, no problem

CLAYTON AKERS —  
SPORTS EDITOR

When thinking about "Sidelines" I kept bouncing one idea to the other, so I thought to myself "what haven't I written about in awhile?" Then it came to me — my beloved Pittsburgh Steelers.

If you know me, you know I'm a hardcore Steelers' fan. So I'm going to rant a little bit about how some nay-sayers said the Steelers were dead in the water for the first four games of the season, due to the four-game suspension of quarterback Ben Roethlisberger.

After the first two weeks of the NFL season, the Steelers are 2-0. How any people would of guessed that? Pittsburgh beat the Atlanta Falcons 15-9 and the Tennessee Titans 19-11.

What some people don't realize is the Steelers are still a solid team without Big Ben. Sure they have had their offensive woes this season, but the Steelers have had a pretty good running game led by Rashard Mendenhall and the quarterbacks have limited the turnovers. That's all the Steelers want from the of-

fense while Ben is out and they can leave the rest to the defense.

Two games in and the Steeler defense game is on. With Troy Polamalu now healthy, the defense is back to form because Polamalu makes everything happen. So far the defensive line has carried the team on its back with great play from Polamalu those spectacular plays he always makes, and linebacker James Harrison, who has been harassing quarterbacks and running backs in the backfield. The Steelers "D" is back to playing like it did in the 2008 Super Bowl season.

It hasn't look pretty in the first two games, but the Steelers have found ways to win, which is typical of a Pittsburgh Steelers team. In a post game conference after the Titans game Pittsburgh Head Coach Mike Tomlin said, "We're a little bit annoyed (about) the premature reporting of our death." With two games left before Big Ben makes his comeback, the Steelers could be looking at a 3-1 or a 4-0 start. No one saw that coming, except the Pittsburgh Steelers.

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